

Wisconsin

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NR 102.04 Categories of standards.

- (3) **FISH AND OTHER AQUATIC LIFE USES.** The department shall classify all surface waters into one of the fish and other aquatic life subcategories described in this subsection. Only those use subcategories identified in pars. (a) to (c) shall be considered suitable for the protection and propagation of a balanced fish and other aquatic life community as provided in the federal water pollution control act amendments of 1972, P.L. 92-500; 33 USC 1251 et seq.
- (a) *Cold water communities.* This subcategory includes surface waters capable of supporting a community of cold water fish and other aquatic life, or serving as a spawning area for cold water fish species. This subcategory includes, but is not restricted to, surface waters identified as trout water by the department of natural resources (Wisconsin Trout Streams, publication 6-3600 (80)).
 - (b) *Warm water sport fish communities.* This subcategory includes surface waters capable of supporting a community of warm water sport fish or serving as a spawning area for warm water sport fish.
 - (c) *Warm water forage fish communities.* This subcategory includes surface waters capable of supporting an abundant diverse community of forage fish and other aquatic life.
 - (d) *Limited forage fish communities.* (Intermediate surface waters). This subcategory includes surface waters of limited capacity and naturally poor water quality or habitat. These surface waters are capable of supporting only a limited community of forage fish and other aquatic life.
 - (e) *Limited aquatic life.* (Marginal surface waters). This sub-category includes surface waters of severely limited capacity and naturally poor water quality or habitat. These surface waters are capable of supporting only a limited community of aquatic life.
- (7) **STANDARDS FOR WILDLIFE.** All surface waters shall be classified for wildlife uses and meet the wildlife criteria specified in or developed pursuant to NR 105.07.